IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Rathore et al.

Serial No.: 10/646,798 Group Art Unit: 1654

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Title: METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION OF GROWTH HORMONE AND

ANATAGONIST THEREOF HAVING LOWER LEVELS OF

ISOFORM IMPURITIES

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114 AND REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW UNDER 37 CFR § 1.133

Dear Sir/Madam:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed December 7, 2007, in the above-referenced application.

A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith.

A Petition for an Extension of Time for three months is filed concurrently herewith.

Applicants request an interview the Examiner following receipt of this response.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this response under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

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